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**NORTH CAROLINA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

President—J. Van Lindley, Pomona.  
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—Durham now expects to have another cotton factory with 15,000 spindles.

—The Court of Appeals of New York has granted Jake Sharp a new trial.

—It is reported that Mr. Blaine will return to America about June 20th, 1888.

—It is thought by some that natural gas has been discovered in Harnett county.

—Important meeting of farmers to be held in Raleigh on the 21st inst. Read "Notice" of Mr. J. D. Allen.

—The Western Union Telegraph Company has decided to reduce the enormous telegraph rates, to take effect December 1st.

—There has been a large amount of cotton destroyed by fire in the South this fall; it will amount to more than 10,000 bales.

—In order to get the voice of the people, two townships in Stokes county will vote on the stock law question Dec. 10th inst.

—Iredell county has two Farmers' Clubs—one with 365 members, and the other 169 members. A kind of wholesale business.

—The First National Bank of Durham has been formally opened. Capital, \$100,000. J. S. Carr, President, Geo. D. Heartt Cashier.

—We are gratified to see W. R. Williams Master of the State Grange in town. He is attending the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture.

—The drug stores of Raleigh have agreed not to sell anything on the Sabbath except such articles as are positively necessary for the sick, wounded, &c.

—The hot-blooded anarchist Herr Most, of New York, has been found guilty of violating the laws of the land by speaking too freely in his theory of government.

—At the meeting of the magistrates of Wake on Tuesday it was ordered that a good bridge be built over the Neuse, at Milburnie and also at Rogers Cross Roads.

—The anarchists of Chicago have issued a circular saying that "force is the only means of success," and it urges the believers in Anarchy to stand by their doctrine even if it causes death.

—There is no abatement in the interest which has so signally marked the meeting under the preaching of that wonderful man of God, Mr. Pearson. This city has been moved as never before in its history.

—Wilkinson & Fore, of Alma, N. C., have bought the Cleveland Springs property and will greatly improve it. We are glad to note this, as it is one of our most valuable and pleasant health resorts.

—We now have twenty-one Alliance organizers at work in our State but it would employ over five times that number to meet the demand! We will commission others as fast as they come properly indorsed.

—It is thought that Cleveland county will soon have another cotton factory. Maj. Schenk, with Mr. Jas. E. Reynolds, of New York, as his partner, are the parties who are thinking of undertaking the enterprise.

—North Carolina will stand close to the front ranks; she is fourth in number in railroad construction in the Southern States, for the year 1887. One hundred and forty-seven miles have been built during the year.

—The Wake Forest boys chartered a train to bring them to Raleigh Dec. 1st in order that they might hear the Rev. Mr. Pearson preach, as he could not go out there to preach to them, on account of other appointments.

—The main building of Nelson, Matten & Co's. furniture factory was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 28th ult. The loss is \$200,000; insurance \$150,000. About five hundred men are thrown out of employment on account of it.

—On the organization of the American Congress on the 5th inst. Mr. Carlisle was elected Speaker. Blount of Georgia and Breckenridge of Arkansas had a slight "scrimmage" on the floor and the great American Congress was opened in fine style.

—The R. & D. R. has broken ground at Charlotte for a splendid depot building. It will be of stone and brick, with every convenience for the travelling public. The iron frame shed will be 300 feet long. Good for Charlotte! When will Raleigh be so fortunate?

—That eminent and worthy North Carolinian, Maj. Robt. Bingham, who is always striving to advance the cause of education, has offered a free tuition (\$100.00) to the student of the Durham graded school who takes the highest stand in it. Good for the Major.

—A news paper man in Illinois brought suit against forty three men who would not pay their subscription to the paper, and obtained judgement in full in each case. The law now provides for editors, as well as others, in the collection of dues, but THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER believes in the cash system.

—We rejoice to see that a department of practical mechanics is to be established at Trinity College. Engines, tools, &c., have been contributed. At last, we are to recognize the great truth that the essential part of education is to learn the student how to make an honest living in the world. Trinity! All hail!

—Dr. L. S. Burkhead died suddenly in the town of Fayetteville on the 2nd inst. while attending the Annual N. C. Conference. No man in the whole Conference was better known or more beloved by the people among whom he had moved so long, and whom he had served with such fidelity and ability. His remains were buried in this city on Sunday afternoon.

—The Secretary of the State Alliance is sending outfits and charters to a large number of Alliances in several counties. Bro. Elliott writes that he has never, in all his experience, seen such interest in the work as is manifested by the farmers of our State, wherever he meets them. He is putting in some good work. He organized three Alliances in one day.

—The State Board of Agriculture meets in this city today. The very important matter of electing a successor to Dr. Dabney will engage its attention, and we hope the board will be actuated by the supreme purpose of giving us the very best man it can find for the place. Discard sentiment, expediency and personal favoritism, gentlemen, and give us the best man.

—A writer in the *State Chronicle* says: "Future sales of produce are really a benefit to the farmer." Shades of departed prosperity! It may be so, but there are over seven millions of farmers in this country who dissent, most emphatically from any such view. "Future sales of produce" as they have learned it, to their cost and sorrow, is nothing more nor less than legalized robbery.

—We learn from the Catawba papers that there is considerable rivalry between Hickory and Newton as to which town shall have the Fair hereafter. Liberal offers are made by both for it. Settle the matter amicably, brethren. Catawba can't afford to be divided, and especially on a matter which may be of such great value to its people. Catawba cannot afford two fairs; if would be a great mistake to attempt it. Get together and agree and pull together.

—Dr. H. W. Montague, of Wake Forest, one of the oldest citizens of this county, died at his residence on Saturday last. His generous nature and genial disposition gathered to him friends all along his pathway. "Ripe unto the harvest" in good deeds as well as in years, he goes to his grave kindly and affectionately remembered and deeply lamented by the hosts of friends who had learned to esteem and love him. "A good name" is the rich heritage which he bequeaths to his children.

—A Game, Fish and Oyster Fair will be held at Beaufort on the 15th and 16th insts. Mr. J. T. Patrick has taken an active interest in getting up this Fair, and we hope it will be a great success. Regattas, boat races, and other sports will enliven the occasion. Numbers of Northern and Western sportsmen will be present. All the editors of the State are invited. Reduced rates on railroads and at the hotels have been secured and everything done for the entertainment and pleasure of visitors.

A farmer may have a pen of pigs, which have made on the cheap foods of summer, with its favorable conditions, a profitable gain, but not satisfied with their size or the price in market, or both, he keeps them on until mid-winter with the expectations of greater weight and a better price. The cold pen, cold food and cold air, neutralize the effects of what they eat, and they really do not make any gain. The fresh meat shipments from the Far West nowadays, do not admit of any scarcity in the markets of the East, and there is no gain in price, and pigs do not bring any more in April than they do in December in the chief markets. Such feeding can only result in loss—food thrown away, with only a gain of the manure. In the West, where corn is plentiful, there is not so close a margin; but even there, there is no such percentage of gain as there is in warm weather.—*Ex.*

**VOICE OF 1,306,000 GRANGERS.**

In language not to be misunderstood, in a dignified way, without bombast or bluster, that National assembly of representative farmers asked of Congress: 1. "That the Oleomargarine law shall not be repealed." 2. "That the Interstate Commerce law shall remain." 3. "That the Patent laws shall be revised." 4. "That U. S. Senators shall be elected by a direct vote of the people." 5. "That Tariffs on raw materials shall not be reduced while existing Tariffs remain upon manufactured goods." 6. "That the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be made a member of the President's Cabinet." 7. "That reforms looking to lower rates of postage shall be inaugurated." 8. "That the Hatch Experimental Station bill shall be perfected, and the money appropriated be sent in sustaining stations distinct from the so-called agricultural colleges." 9. "That laws be passed prohibiting gambling in farm products or dealing in 'futures.'"

**SELL WHEN READY.**

At this time of the year it ought to be understood that it does not pay to keep stock of any kind after they have stopped growing. By the time they have made their growth they are ready for market, and every day's feeding after they are ready for market is an additional expense without corresponding benefit.

One of the advantages in keeping stock in good condition is, they will not stop growing until they have matured, and when this is done, by pushing them a little, they are ready to market. Whenever we are feeding stock and they fail to gain either in growth or flesh, we are feeding at a loss, not only losing the feed but the growth, items that we cannot afford to overlook, and especially during the fall and winter. Feeding matured stock especially should be avoided, excepting, of course, what we are keeping for a special purpose.

What we are feeding and fattening for market should be fed so that a good steady gain can be secured from the start, and at the last be fed sufficiently to fatten by the time they have matured. This is the most profitable feeding. If at any time before they have matured they stop growing, we are losing feed that otherwise could be used profitably. It requires considerable more feed to secure a gain with stock about fat than before, and this, of course, is adding to the cost without a corresponding profit.

So far as possible we must reduce the cost. This is an important item.

If prices are not what they should be we are at least reasonably sure of not losing very heavily, while with good prices our profits are increased. And keeping the stock gaining and having them ready for market when they have fully matured are items that can be considered as reducing the cost and adding to our profits. This should be kept in mind, especially during the fall and winter, when it requires good management to secure a profitable gain with growing stock, and it is still more necessary with stock that may be nearly or quite matured.—*Ex.*

**WINTER IS COMING.**

The shrewd farmer who does not expect something from nothing, but who, nevertheless, means to have his cows pay dividends in gilt-edged butter this winter, watches closely the approach of cold weather, and anticipates stormy nights and days by a liberal increase of rations. He knows that if his cows are not fortified against cold changes by additional food, there will be a shrinkage of milk, which will not be easily overcome by subsequent feeding, but will mark the product of the whole winter. On the other hand, if the cows are well carried over the change from the mild weather and good pasture of the autumn, and are put into their winter quarters in comfortable condition, it is comparatively easy to keep up their milk in quantity and quality through the season when it brings the most money. One of the most useful additions to a butter-making ration, particularly in winter, is oil meal. Twenty years ago most of the oil cake made in this country was exported, to be ground and fed on the other side of the ocean; now ninety-ninths of it is sold as meal to a local trade from the mills where it is made. It is a very valuable food for all stock, keeping their bowels regular, and giving the smooth coat that indicates high condition. From one or two pounds a day to a horse or cow, mixed with bran or corn meal will be found a good investment.—*Farmer's Home.*

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. C. FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.**

This Association was organized at the Farmers' Mass Convention, which was held in the city of Raleigh, January 26, 1887, by electing a President, one Vice-President for each Congressional district in the State, a Secretary and an Executive Committee of five. It adopted a Constitution and By-Laws for its government. It adjourned to meet in the city of Greensboro on the second Wednesday in January, 1888. The Constitution restricts the membership of the Association to such only as have their chief interest in farming. Each county in the State is entitled to as many votes in the body as it has members in the lower branch of our Legislature, but in no manner restricts the number of qualified delegates who are to cast these votes.

The object and purpose of the Association is to take such action as may best improve and promote the agricultural interests of our people. This is the broad basis upon which it is founded and it hopes to have the hearty approval and co-operation of every farmer in our State.

Although called without organized effort or formulated plan, the convention of last January was composed of nearly four hundred farmers representing forty-three counties. We earnestly hope that every county in the State will be represented in our meeting in Greensboro.

Let the farmers in each county in the State call meetings at once and elect delegates (as many as will come) and give them certificates, to the end that all sections and the interests of all sections may be represented. Reduced rates on railroads have been secured and the agents are instructed to issue round trip tickets to all delegates. Reduced rates have also been secured at the hotels and boarding houses in Greensboro.

A Farmers' Institute will be held during the session. Able and distinguished agriculturists will be present to address the body on important topics connected with agriculture. Every effort will be made to render the occasion interesting and profitable. ELIAS CARR, President.

All State papers requested to copy.

**NOTICE TO THE FARMERS OF WAKE COUNTY.**

The farmers of Wake county are urgently invited to meet in Raleigh on Wednesday, the 21st inst., to select delegates to represent Wake county in the Farmers' State Convention, which meets in the city of Greensboro on the 2nd Wednesday in January. This is strictly a farmers' organization, and it is highly important that our county be well and properly represented. I issue this call, therefore, and at the suggestion of the officers of the North Carolina Farmers' Association. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 12 o'clock on the 21st inst. in the court house. Let every township be well represented.

J. D. ALLEN,  
President County Alliance.  
City papers please copy.

**ORGANIZERS COMMISSIONED.**

(OFFICIAL.)

The following officers have been duly appointed and commissioned as organizers of the Farmers' National Alliance and Co-operative Union of America, for North Carolina:

National Lecturer and State Organizer, N. H. C. Elliott.

N. Gibbon, Derita, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Mecklenburg county.

J. P. Barnes, Sterling, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Brunswick and Columbus counties.

J. Springs Davidson, Hopewell, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Gaston and Lincoln counties.

C. E. McCullers, Guley's Mills, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Johnson county.

D. P. Meachum, Raleigh, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Franklin county.

W. G. L. Allen Falls, Deputy Organizer, Wake and Granville counties.

W. E. Ardrey, Pineville, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Mecklenburg county.

C. W. McKay, Martindale, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Mecklenburg and South Iredell counties.

R. K. Blake, Lumberton, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Robeson county.

Geo. C. Ratchiffe, Deep Creek, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Anson county.

Dr. J. E. Harrell, Whiteville, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Brunswick and Columbus counties.

Hill E. King, Pea Nut, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Onslow county.

D. McNeil, Montpelier, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Richmond, Moore and Chatham counties.

C. McDonald, Concord, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Cabarrus.

H. T. Scarborough, Mt. Gilead, for Montgomery county.

V. N. Seawell, Sanford, N. C., for Moore county.

H. W. Graham, ———, for Harnett county.

James D. Henly, Jonesboro, N. C., for Randolph county.

S. Otho Wilson, Henderson, N. C., for Vance county.

J. S. Barbee, Morrisville, N. C., for Durham county.

Other organizers will be appointed and assigned in the above territory, as necessity may require.

All organizers are required by our State Constitution to make a monthly report, through the State organ of the Alliance (THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER) of the work done during that month for the general information of the order.

By order of S. B. ALEXANDER,  
Pres't N. C. State Farmers' Alliance.  
L. L. POLK, Sec'y S. F. A.

**ALLIANCE ORGANIZERS.**

(OFFICIAL.)

The demand for organizers, is so earnest and general among our farmers in all sections of our State, and applications for commissions are being made in such irregular form, that it is deemed, for the more expeditious and more thorough and efficient organizations of our State, that a number of earnest, competent and devoted brethren be commissioned at the earliest practicable time, and sent to different portions of the State.

This is, therefore, to notify such as may desire commissions, that applications should be made, by letter, to the President of the State Alliance, Charlotte, N. C., or in person to our State Organizer, Bro. N. H. C. Elliott. In either case the applicant must furnish testimonials as to character, capacity and fitness for the work. In all cases it is absolutely essential to good work and success, that the organizer should be thoroughly instructed in the secret work of the order and in the principles, purposes and business plans of the order. The State Organizer being thoroughly versed in all the work of the order, in detail will gladly impart full instructions to all who may be appointed. It is highly important that each one appointed should spend a few days with the State Organizer, in his work and thus learn practically the duties he must perform. We want good, earnest, active, capable men for this work, and men of character and integrity, who will devote themselves faithfully to it.

By order of S. B. ALEXANDER,  
Pres't N. C. State Farmers' Alliance.  
L. L. POLK, Sec'y State Alliance.

**ALLIANCE NOTICE.**

The members of the Executive or Business Committee, elected by the Wake County Alliance and by the sub-Alliances composing the same, will meet in Raleigh, N. C., on Friday the 16th inst., at 11 a. m.

By order of J. W. JONES, Chm'n.  
W. H. HOLLAND, Sec'y.

**TOBACCO MARKET.**

RALEIGH—Reported by T. B. Moseley, Manager Stronach's Warehouse.

Our receipts for the past week were light, owing to the cold harsh weather. Our prices are entirely satisfactory, and especially so on all of the better grades. The light breaks for the past week have enabled our buyers to clean up their prize houses and they are now keen to see it coming in. Below I give quotations:

New Scrap Common Dark	\$ 1	to \$ 2
" Bright	2 1/2	" 4 1/2
" Fillers, Common	2 1/2	" 4
" " Good to Bright	2 1/2	" 10
" " Fine	10	" 14
" Smokers, Common to Good	2 1/2	" 5
" " Good to Fine	5	" 12 1/2
" Cutters, Common	14	" 18
" " Good	18	" 20
" " Fine	25	" 30
" " Fancy	30	" 40
" Wrappers, Common	15	" 22
" " Medium	22	" 30
" " Good to Fine	35	" 55
" " Fancy	75	" 100